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Mayan Indians planting corn with traditional digging sticks. Mayan people in Chiapas, Mexico staged an uprising just over a year ago in protest of their country's signing of NAFTA.



THIS MAGAZINE PHOTO BY ELAINE BRIÈRE

A year of NAFTA Workers everywhere lose

(NYTN) It was just over a year ago, on January 1, 1994, that Mexico's Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN) streamed down from their mountain hideouts and stormed into six Chiapas towns.

They had emerged to protest the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), to warn the Mexican people that their government's agreement would exploit their workers and further impoverish their peasants.

A year later, the governments of the United States, Canada and Mexico are insisting that NAFTA has been good for the continent's economy. But labor movements in all three countries, as well as indigenous and peasant organizations, see the pact as a disaster.

On the anniversary of the uprising, EZLN Sub-commander Marcos issued a statement linking Mexico's current fiscal crisis—which he called an “economic farce”—to NAFTA.

Blaming “free trade” for increasing joblessness and hunger, Marcos predicted that as Mexico enters the second year of NAFTA, the situation will only get worse.

“The nightmare of unemployment, need and misery will now be sharper for the majority of Mexicans,” said Marcos.

Jobs? What jobs?

In anticipation of NAFTA's first anniversary, Washington scrambled to release rosy figures intended to document the agreement's success. A Commerce Department study reported that NAFTA's first six months had resulted in 100,000 new jobs inside the U.S.

That claim was quickly debunked.

As of November 7, the Labor Department had received 275 petitions for trade-adjustment assistance, claiming job losses due to NAFTA. The government certified 118 of these petitions, confirming that 12,122 of the workers concerned had indeed lost their jobs because of NAFTA.

The labor federation estimated total NAFTA-related U.S. job losses so far at 37,000.

“Further,” the November 28 American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) News reported that, “NAFTA's impact appears to be heavily felt by women and those working in lower-paid occupations and rural areas.”

In an abstract posted on the Internet on November 30, academic Melvin Burke of Maine analyzed the Commerce Department's own figures. Burke argued that “The public has recently been misinformed by the Department of Commerce and media

reports that distort the facts. The official Department of Commerce trade data for the first six months of NAFTA reveal a net loss of more than 21,000 jobs for American workers, and not their bogus claim of a 100,000 net job gain.”

How many jobs has NAFTA really cost?

While the precise number of American jobs lost to the trade agreement may never be known, it is clear that the standard of living of the average North American worker has yet to improve. This should come as no surprise since NAFTA was not really designed to create more jobs for the people but to enhance corporate profits. Ultimately, NAFTA will funnel more money into fewer pockets, making life worse for all but a few CEOs.

There are reports from Mexican trade unionists that many factories owned by Mexican companies have succumbed to NAFTA and shut down. As a result, thousands of workers have been laid off.

Other companies are demanding heavy concessions from the workers. Bosses claim that they can't compete with goods flooding in from the U.S. unless workers accept new “productivity accords.”

Several garment factories have shut down or relocated to rid themselves of workers' union representation. And there are continuing reports of outrages at U.S.-owned maquiladora plants in the border region, including assassinations of union organizers.

Fighting back

Despite its dubious “successes”, NAFTA's effects will not be allowed to spread unchecked across the continent. Already worker and peasant groups throughout Latin America are organizing against the trade agreement and similar measures.

On November 20, indigenous representatives from Chile, Peru, Mexico and Argentina convened in Chile to organize opposition to free-trade agreements. Called together by the Mapuche Nation, the groups issued the “Temuco-Wallmapuche Declaration on the North American Free Trade Agreement, Indigenous Peoples and Their Rights.”

The declaration denounces NAFTA, saying its purpose is “to accumulate wealth for a small minority and to create poverty and exclusion for the great majority of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.”

The document also calls NAFTA “a new form of expansion of colonialism and neocolonialism expressed in the economic sphere.”

— additional reporting by Robin Perelle

Walking out on the Axworthy Reform Students plan nationwide strike

BY MELANIE NEWTON

Compared to the volumes of (supportive) coverage given to the Liberal government's social policy reform proposals in October, media coverage of the upcoming national student demonstration has been pitifully lacking.

In November of last year, days after thousands of students went to Parliament Hill to protest Human Resources Minister Lloyd Axworthy's social policy reform proposals, members of the Canadian Federation of Students chose January 25, 1995 as a day of national protest.

Since then university, highschool and college students across the country have been organising simultaneous demonstrations in cities across Canada.

Representatives from 20 Montréal universities and cégeps met twice in December to begin work on getting students out for the January 25 demonstration.

Here at McGill, concerned students in the faculty of Social Work formed the Students for Social Justice to educate McGill students about the Axworthy reforms. The group is now concentrating on getting students to participate in a march planned for downtown Montréal on January 25, as part of the national protest.

“The biggest thing is to get students to think about the issue and not just let it pass by as something they feel they are not implicated in,” says U4 Geography and Social Work student Jill Hanley, a member of Students for Social Justice.

In the few weeks left before the strike, the group plans to organise a poster campaign about the march and a speakers' series looking at the proposals and the problems they are supposed to solve. Volunteers will be going around to classes to spread information about the march.

They are going to ask McGill to cancel classes on January 25, as the administration at the University of Toronto has done. Cégep students in the Montréal strike coalition are also putting together a newspaper, in English and French, to provide information and rally support for the march.

McGill Post Graduate Student Society vp external Marie-Claude Poliquin says that she will encourage PGSS members to take part in the January 25 march. The PGSS is a member of the CFS.

No time for disagreement

Rather than attempt to reach a consensus about alternatives to the Axworthy reforms, members of the Montréal student coalition stress that, because time is limited, the strike preparations will focus on providing information about the specifics of the proposal and on rallying opposition.

“I think right now that students don't have to feel they're supporting any sort of alternative to the proposals by joining the strike. I've heard so many different alternatives I'm not sure myself which ones I completely agree with. But this is going so quickly I feel we need to say *this* one is not acceptable. Then we can begin to try and agree on alternatives,” says Hanley.

Axworthy is scheduled to table his proposals when Parliament reconvenes on February 6. Students in the Montréal coalition fear that once that happens, it will be too late to have prevented them from becoming policy.

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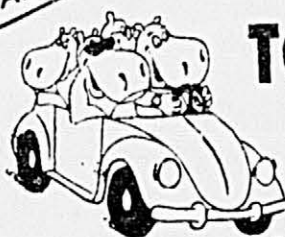
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Another blow to student democracy

Like the Energizer Bunny, SSMU doesn't know when to stop

THIS TIME the Student Society has gone too far. VP External Nick Benedict and President Sevag Yeghoyan will introduce a resolution this Thursday, on, among other things, whether or not to join the rest of Canada in a national student strike to protest the proposed Axworthy reforms on January 25. Here is the text of this so-called "motion" and what the *Daily* thinks of it.

January 5, 1995:

Dear Councillors:

Please take this as official notice the following motion is prepared for the Council Meeting of January 12:

BIRT the Students' Society of McGill University

a) not involve itself in the National Student Strike of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) for January 25, but instead work with Quebec Student Associations to plan a more focused protest in February (after the CEGEPs begin classes).

b) condemn all forms of political action that are outside the bounds of legitimate protest, including, but not limited to, egg throwing at Ministers, circulating directions to politicians' private residence and defacing private residences of Ministers.

c) confirm its wish to engage in productive dialogue with the federal government on the Social Security Review (while reserving the right to engage in peaceful protest).

d) confirm its intent to become a founding member of the organization tentatively named - pending legal approval - the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) at its General Meeting in Fredericton at the end of January, and, confirm that the External Affairs Committee should not explore the possibilities of membership in CFS.

Nick Benedict
VP - External

Sevag Yeghoyan
President

WE FIND THIS entire motion to be out of order and offensive to the idea of student government. Rather than soliciting the opinions of students, these motions represent the political aims of a few people on the Student Society executive.

First Student Society went to the Consultation Committee with ideas they didn't discuss with McGill students. Now Benedict and Yeghoyan want to ignore you again and use issues which affect your life to further their own narrow political aims.

If any of these proposals disturb you, come to the Council meeting on January 12 at 6pm in the Shatner Building and voice your opinion. Call VP External Nick Benedict (398-6798) and President Sevag Yeghoyan (398-6801) to make yourself heard.

BIRT stands for "Be It Resolved That". Usually there are other clauses preceding BIRT clauses which explain the motivation behind the motion. Benedict and Yeghoyan seem to think that their opinions are so self-evidently valid that the motion requires no written justification.

BEFORE trying to judge this you should know that Student Society is not a member of the CFS. They recently became provisional members of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, formed as a rival to the CFS.

But here, we think, is the first hint of the *real* motivation behind this resolution. Why exactly is Student Society bringing forward a motion not to take part in the strike if they are not a member of the CFS and therefore not mandated to take part anyway?

WHY DOES taking part in a later protest have to preclude being part of the January 25 march? And since Benedict and Yeghoyan mention a desire to "work with" those "Québec student associations" who are not going to march, what about supporting those Montréal CEGEPs who are helping to organise the January protest?

THIS IS a bizarre phrase. What is legitimate and what is not depends on who is passing judgement.

THIS GIVES the Student Society Council unlimited power to decide what it will take part in as "legitimate protest." They could use this to justify not consulting you before condemning something, or to do absolutely nothing.

BY MELANIE NEWTON, ANUP GREWAL, CHERIE PAYNE

MORE FOCUSED? As opposed to what? And moreover, what is unfocused about a national student demonstration protesting the proposals outlined in the Axworthy plan?

STUDENTS THREW eggs at Lloyd Axworthy during the November 16 Parliament Hill demonstration. But, this phrase sounds eerily similar to the motion to send Axworthy a written apology which was already proposed and defeated at Council last semester.

CAN BENEDICT and Yeghoyan please define "productive dialogue?" So far none of what Student Society has done regarding the Axworthy proposals has involved "productive dialogue" with its own constituents.

WHAT IS THIS clause *doing* here? This is an entirely separate motion, requiring a separate set of justifications. How rude!

But this clause reveals the real motivation behind the whole motion. The reason Student Society in general, and Benedict in particular, say they want to form a new organization is that the CFS is "too political" — they take stands on "external political issues". The Student Society wants to make a student federation (CASA) in its own apolitical image.

How Benedict and Yeghoyan feel about the CFS is of no relevance at this time. The government is currently proposing changes which would impact upon all students, regardless of political affiliation, and they couldn't give a damn whether you are in the CFS or not.

Now is not the time to introduce your own agenda. Our common interests as students are best served by working together with others to block these changes. We find it disrespectful that, through this clause, you would use our concerns to further your own political aims.

Considering the times, this clause is highly inappropriate.

LETTERS

Solin Hall goes green

To the *Daily*,

Thursday, December 1 saw the arrival of numerous blue paper recycling bins which Solin Hall more than gladly welcomed! In my eyes it was a small step for McGill but a giant leap for mankind (sic). Our sincerest thanks to the Waste Management Director of McGill University Mr. Carmen Spetaro.

Nancy Odeh

The Fascist Frums

To the *Daily*,

"Conservatism's hottest thinker?" one of its "brightest lights"? With the good looks of his mother, to boot? If flabby-faced, pork-bellied "intellectual" David Frum is the best the corporate culture has to offer in the way of looks or brains, then the movement really is in trouble.

I remember when his sister, Linda, blew into Montréal to study at McGill. Like many before her,

she tried to take the city by storm, enlisting corporate sponsors to start up her own right-wing newspaper (which used "McGill" in its name and was forced to change it) to spout off hateful Anti-French and homophobic vitriol. Later, the nation's self-styled "experts" on education, by no one's criteria but her own. These are the children of the late "liberal" Barbara Frum, who corrected a hospital spokesman lamenting the "crime against women" the night after the École Polytechnique massacre of 14 women, saying "A crime against humanity is what you mean, surely?" The Frums, many feel, give Anglos a bad name, and are not widely appreciated here in Montréal.

When arrogant individuals like these, who rode effortlessly into the publishing world on the coattails of their mother's money and

reputation, never having known a day's hardship in their lives, start trying to pass off as "intellectualism", narrow, elitist and self-serving views about the so-called horrors of the welfare state when the plight of homeless, starving children is ignored by that state, it's clear that in their books, intellectualism really means fascism.

Jim Edwards

Where do I come from?

To the *Daily*,

Once upon a time, in a land not far away, I was sitting down in the Redpath Library doing my calculus assignment. Two of my friends walked in and asked if I'd like to grab a bite to eat with them. On our way out of the studying area we ran across the model of the world that is situated at the entrance. My friends showed me where they came from by pointing at the circular model. My turn came and a feeling of embarrassment filled my guts as I rolled the model again and again in hope of finding my homeland, but to no avail. Palestine was simply not there.

My friends knew that Palestine existed and weren't too bothered by it. But what if I wanted to show a total stranger who has no historical background where I came from?

I canceled by lunch plans, picked up some books and started reading What I was looking for I wasn't sure of. And then it hit me. To my right I saw a huge poster illustrating the Territorial Evolution of Canada. Strangely, although various parts of Canada were ruled and inhabited by different countries, the naming of the territories didn't change from 1867 on-

wards, even though the pieces of land grew bigger.

Now, I'm no history professor, but I do know that in order for someone to have the right to name a territory, that someone would have to discover that piece of land first and foremost. Inhabiting that piece of land does not suffice. Putting politics and religion aside, we all agree that Palestine did exist at a point in time. After all, the Jews didn't just walk into an undiscovered, uninhabited piece of land. And that is exactly what happened. They neither found it nor discovered it. And all that is going on there has nothing to do with the simple and plain fact of it all: there is a Palestine.

I seriously hope that something will be done about this soon. Because in the distant future when my children look up at me with their innocent glare and ask me where they came from, I expect to be able to show them, on a map, and in writing.

It's time to wake and smell the freshly brewed coffee dear friends. And while you're at it, take a good taste. Hell, drink the whole cup. I hear good coffee is hard to come by these days

Yazeen Ali Yasin

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The persistence of memory

Artist Lorraine Oades celebrates the life of her grandmother

BY JULIE CRYSLER

Starting January 12, Optica will be showing the work of Winnipeg native Lorraine Oades. The graduate of Emily Carr College of Art and Design, and Concordia University's fine arts program has been living and working in Montréal for the past nine years.

Oades' multi-media installation *Laura 1898-1990* consists of videotaped images taken from photographs taken by her grandmother as a young to middle-aged woman. These images are combined with a spoken text taken from letters her grandmother wrote to her over the last eleven years of her life.

The eight-minute video is played continuously. In the installation room, Oades displays old photographs, along with slippers and pillows crocheted by her grandmother. These and other items such as small plants and an easy chair, hint at her grandmother's taste, an aesthetic particular to rural women of that generation.

The black and white negatives were shot frame by frame with colour super8 film illuminated by a light table, giving the images a strong, almost unearthly, sepia tone. The pulsing light is mesmerizing, evoking a dream-state, while the negative images emerge like ghosts or memories.

For Oades, the video has strong associations with important events in

her life. In 1984, almost all of her work was destroyed in a studio fire, but luckily, the negatives were at a friend's house.

Not long after her brother died. Oades first conceived of the video project as a sort of eulogy for her brother as well as a way of starting over after losing all her work.

Between the time of the project's inception and its completion, Oades also lost her grandmother. The film evokes themes of regeneration and continuity.

"When [my grandmother] talks about her father and grandfather, it's very difficult for me to imagine my grandmother's father, someone even older than her. Emotionally her father becomes my father. I think we fit ourselves into the slots when we look at works of art" says Oades.

While documenting specific aspects of Laura's life - the pains of aging and of losing her vision, Oades' video also speaks to the universals of human experience. For Oades, her grandmother's descriptions of her loss of vision are connected with a metaphor of the aperture of a camera closing, at the same time as she was dying.

The video juxtaposes the beginning and the end of Laura's life. The photographs document an outdoor, rural landscape. The voice-over suggests an interior landscape. The photographs depict action which has

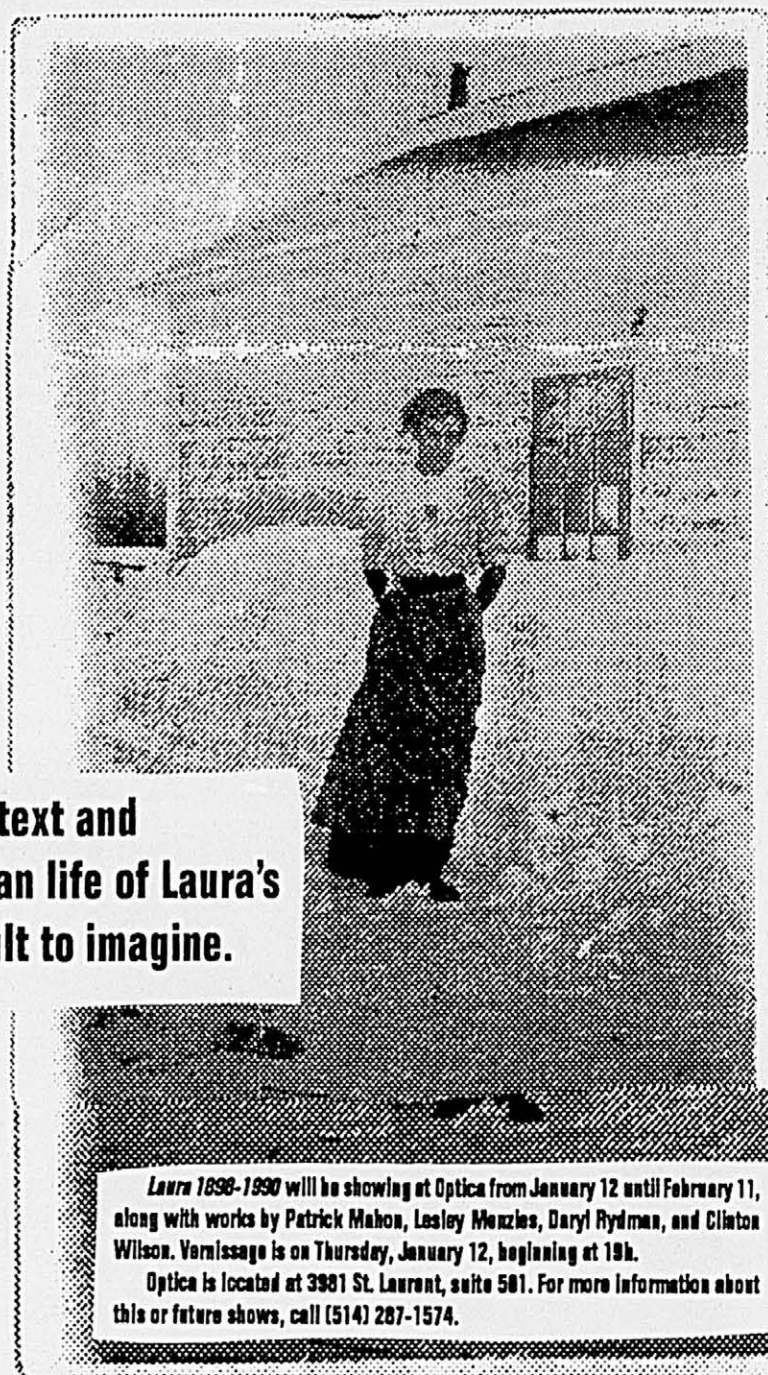
been frozen on celluloid; the voice-over is moving, and reflective.

Oades notes, "I identify her through an image of myself, but in many ways she is this woman whom I don't know at all. I've created my own idea of who my grandmother is."

Laura 1898-1990, documents a life which unfolded throughout an age of tremendous upheaval. In an age of hypertext and multimedia, the agrarian life of Laura's family becomes difficult to imagine. Yet somehow there is a sense of continuity, a sense of history. Oades' work reveals poignantly the common features of the human experience: youth, aging, death, memory, and history.

In an age of hypertext and multimedia, the agrarian life of Laura's family becomes difficult to imagine.

Optica is an artist-run gallery space that has been a fixture on the Main for 22 years. Optica is non-commercial, meaning that it is not dependent on sales. The gallery has been able to continue operation thanks to government grants, and corporate philanthropy. They are devoted to supporting artists by providing artists fees for those who show their work in the gallery.



Laura 1898-1990 will be showing at Optica from January 12 until February 11, along with works by Patrick Mahon, Lesley Menzies, Daryl Rydman, and Clinton Wilson. Vernissage is on Thursday, January 12, beginning at 19h. Optica is located at 3981 St. Laurent, suite 501. For more information about this or future shows, call (514) 287-1574.

BY HYPATIA FRANCIS

No two families are alike

Capping off the International Year of the Family

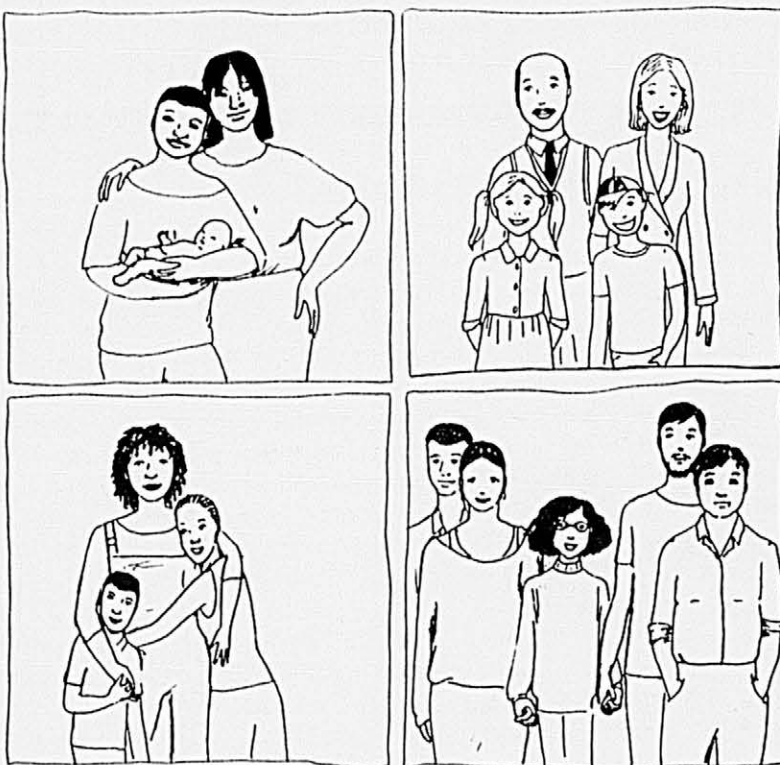
As a child, I always felt vaguely left out because of my parents' divorce. At the time, divorce was much less common than it is today and for a woman to remain single after the divorce was even more unusual.

My own family was definitely a single-parent one, with my father quite literally living on the other side of the world. This fact made it difficult to hide my parents' divorce from other children. After all, it was not as if my father was able to make appearances at parent-teacher interviews, or any other school functions.

Remember the Sesame Street song which runs: "one of these things is not like the others..."? When I was five years old I felt as if I was part of that song, the odd one out whose family didn't fit the norm. Perhaps that is why, when I first heard that 1994 was to be the International Year of the Family, I rolled my eyes, wishing 1995 would arrive as quickly as possible.

I was expecting 1994 to be a celebration of the family à la Leave it to Beaver. You know what I mean: mum, dad and their smiling, freckle-faced 2.4 children. In short, the dreaded nuclear family.

But the nuclear family as the norm is really only a recent development in Western society, imposed by, what else, television. Looking



NONE OF THESE THINGS IS QUITE LIKE THE OTHERS

It wasn't until the 1950s that the nuclear family was held up as an ideal. Television popularized the idea of two parents and their two children living under one roof.

back over the past hundred years, one can see just how much the shape of the family has changed.

Up until the turn of the century our society considered the extended family, with several generations living under one roof, to be 'normal'. Later, as a result of the First and Second World Wars, many families were left with only one parent. Though considered a tragedy, it was, for a time, also considered normal.

It was not until the 1950's that the nuclear family was held up as an ideal. Television popularized the idea of two parents and their two children living under one roof. The nuclear family looked more symmetrical. It would be interesting if our society's norms concerning the family were shaped because of purely aesthetic reasons.

So, what is a normal family? According to Statistics Canada's latest census, taken in 1991, the most common family is still one in which the

parents are married. Out of the 7,356,170 families in this country, 6,401,460 are headed by married couples, though no distinction is drawn between first time marriages and remarriages.

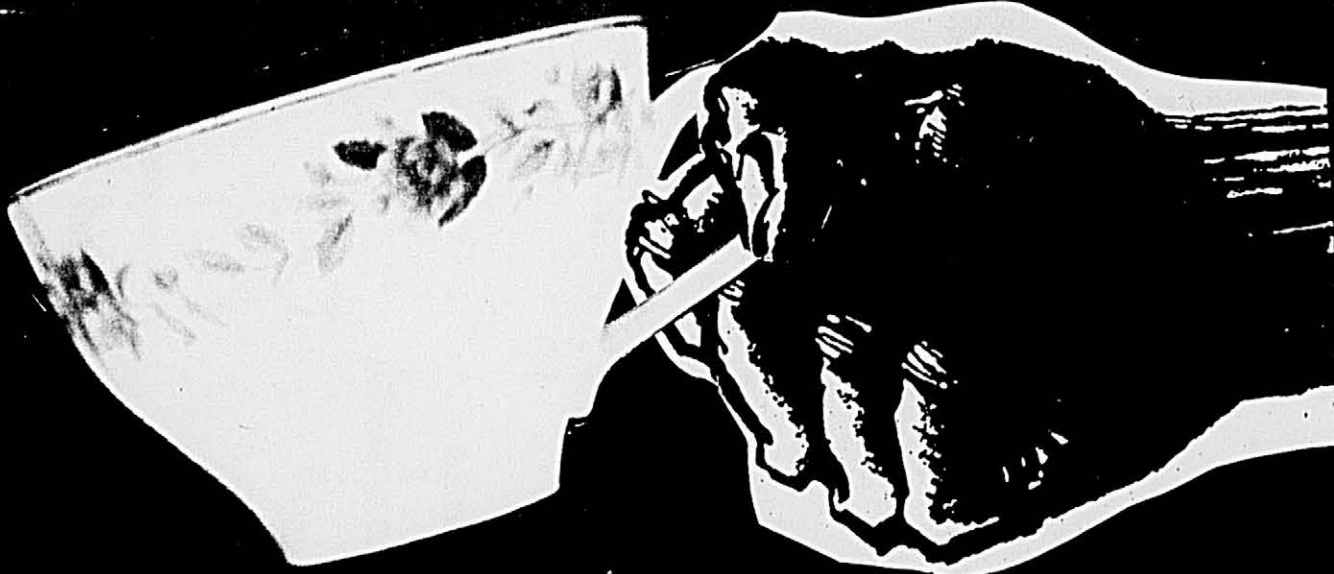
While the nuclear family has indeed become the norm, it is not necessarily any more legitimate than any other type of family. To hold up only one example of what a family is, or ought to be, is to deny legitimacy to any family which is different.

'Normalcy' is a subjective concept. Everyone thinks that what they are used to is normal. Until I started kindergarten, I thought that having no father was normal. However, just because something may appear normal to you it does not follow that it will be normal for everyone.

To try and apply an idea of normalcy to something as personal as the family is not only unfair but also rather ridiculous. Thankfully, the organizers of the Year of the Family agreed with this sentiment. Hopefully, this idea will begin to filter down to society.

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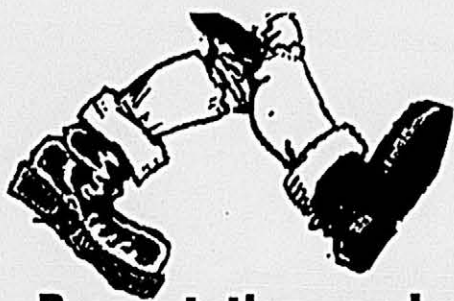
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BY ANUP GREWAL

Amid a wave of protesters, demonstrators and angry coalitions, the Parliamentary Committee for the public consultations on the Social Policy Reform has ended its cross-country tour.

Despite their misgivings about the whole process, Montréal's Coalition to Save Our Social Programs opted to participate in the dubious consultations when the Parliamentary Committee swept into town on December 6th. The Coalition includes the Watchdog Committee from Point-St Charles Community Council, Project Genesis, the Villieray community council, the NDG community council and the Cote des Neiges community council.

As Esther Trodman of Project Genesis explained, "[We decided to participate] just in case they (the Parliamentary Committee), were listening. We wanted our point of view to be clear."

"Maybe if we put enough pressure on the government, we will get some of what we are asking for," she added.

Community groups across Canada are protesting the idea that social programs should be cut in order to finance the debt.

Montréal's Coalition has been active since early November, informing citizens and preparing to confront the Green Paper pushers with alternative means of reducing the deficit.

David Alper, one of the organisers, expressed the Coalition's stand at a public meeting in November when he said, "the Green Paper is not about improving social security (but rather about) improving social insecurity in Canada."

While in Montréal, Axworthy's "consultation" team heard brief presentations from each of the five local groups comprised in the Coalition.

Trodman claimed that the coalition's briefings were impressive. She said the members of the Parliamentary Committee "were kind of stunned by our presentation. They were afraid to ask questions and they didn't know how to respond to the facts we presented."

Marie-Paul Garand of the Cote des Neiges community council, was not so optimistic. "They [the members of the committee] listened and said the work we [the coalition] are doing is important." But the committee did not seem very receptive, she said.

This feeling of futility should come as no surprise to followers of the consultation process. The Coalition itself has been calling the process a sham since it began.

As Trodman said, "You can't have a consultation when all the important issues have already been decided upon. The consultation process is bogus because \$7.5 billion is to be cut from the

budget by Paul Martin (the Federal Finance Minister) and we are not being asked if we want the cuts in the first place".

Garand maintained nonetheless that meeting with the commissioners was a worthwhile endeavour. "We are making an effort to give people information through public assemblies. This is where the more important effort is," she said.

She admitted, however, that even in front of the Parliamentary Committee one of the Coalition members announced that "we know this is not a real consultation".

700 protesters gathered around the building where the committee was meeting in order to lend support to the Coalition's efforts against the Green Paper.

Esther Trodman of Project Genesis said, "I think the demonstration was good, but we were expecting more people."

"There could have been a lot more students, especially since McGill is so close," she added.

Although the Coalition was advocating a peaceful protest, there was a group who stormed the building in order to disrupt the committee proceedings. Garand claimed "the Coalition members had nothing to do with [the storming]".

Trodman said that "it was too bad that the media focused mostly on the trashing and not the positive aspects of the demonstration."

This kind of coverage adds to the image that those protesting the reforms are "just radicals" or "international socialists" which Axworthy's team is trying to create.

As Trodman explained, [Some media and the Government] are trying to make the protests seem marginal by saying that only certain groups are protesting. That is not true. Many people want reforms but that does not mean that they support the [Axworthy] proposal."

Lloyd Axworthy, the minister in charge of the Green Paper has said on many occasions that there is wide public support for his policy.

The Coalition is presently gearing up for a battle against the upcoming pension reforms in February and the proposed cuts to Health Insurance.

The Coalition will maintain its campaign against the Axworthy proposal. It plans to continue sending petitions to the government and will also participate in such events as the National student strike scheduled for January 25.

A concerted effort across Canada with groups such as the Montréal Coalition may bring about the change that the government's consultations are failing to accomplish.

Coming to school on the 25th?

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THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS (CFS) has called for a one-day national student strike on January 25 to protest the Liberal government's proposed social reforms. In Montréal, the strike will be accompanied by a march. However, McGill's Students' Society, which is not a member of the CFS, has not committed itself to the march. The *Daily* interviewed students to find out their opinions of the protest.



Sachiko Chigwa
U1 Science

"I haven't heard of the protest and not that much of the reforms. Now that I know, I think doing the protest is pretty important. Education is important but expensive, and a lot of people have trouble just making ends meet. But I don't think I know enough to really make up my mind on this protest yet."



Melissa Campbell
U3 Political Science

"I knew of the protest that happened before the end of last semester, but I didn't know about this one. I guess it would be important to attend this protest, because I heard the last one was a terrible turn-out for McGill students. Tuition fees are extremely important and I don't agree with the policies that have been enacted with regards to hiking them because I think that financially speaking, students are the people that have the most problems finding resources, and to assume that everyone has rich parents is not fair. So this protest is a good cause and I might give more thought to attending it."

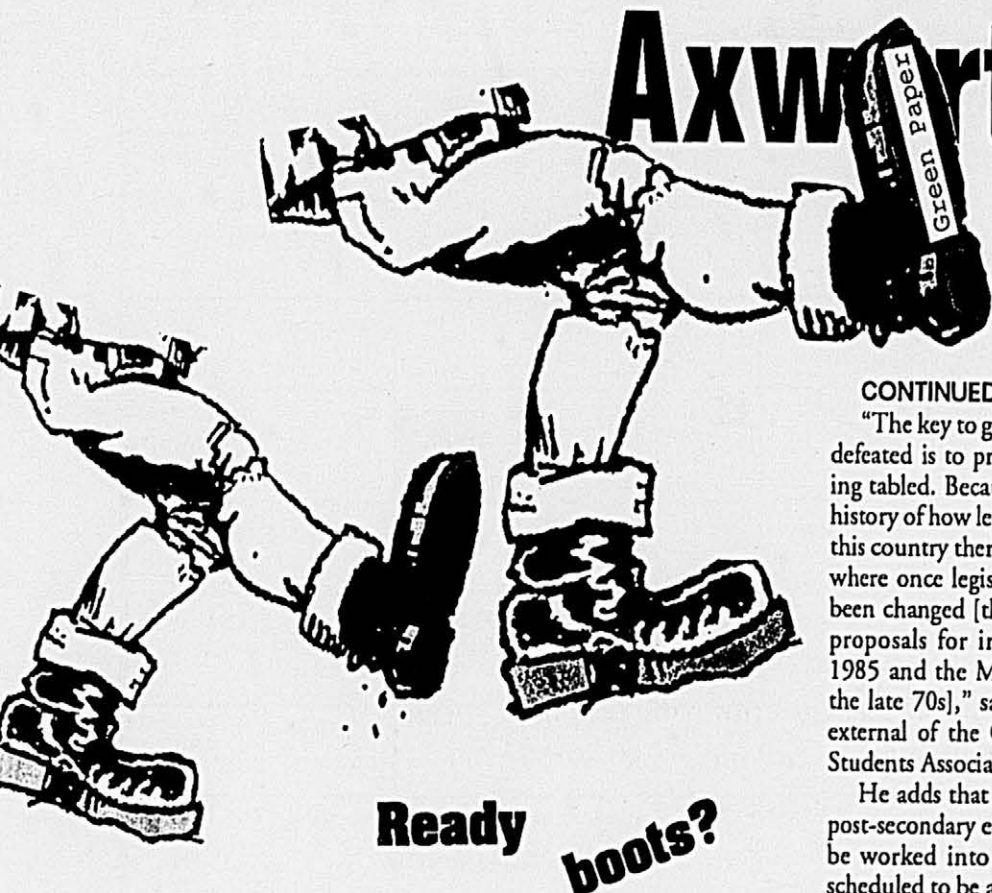


Cheng
U2 Computer Eng.

"It is important to go to the protest, for me at least! The Axworthy reforms are not good for students anyway. Some students pay their tuition themselves, and also pay for their living expenses, so it will be difficult especially for those students. It is not good either for international students because we pay already a lot of fees. I'm an international student and one of the reasons I came to McGill was that this university is cheaper than others, so I may just end up going to another place where tuition fees are cheaper. So I think I should go to the protest."

BY NICKY ADLE
BY LUCY ATKINSON

Walking all over Axworthy's proposal



Ready boots?

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"The key to getting these proposals defeated is to prevent them from being tabled. Because if you look at the history of how legislation is affected in this country there is only one example where once legislation was tabled it's been changed [there are actually two: proposals for indexing pensions in 1985 and the Mackenzie Pipeline in the late 70s]," says Brad Lavigne, vp external of the Concordia Graduate Students Association.

He adds that the proposed cuts to post-secondary education are likely to be worked into the federal budget, scheduled to be announced at the end of February.

Why a national demonstration?

On the surface of things, the government seems to have made attempts to solicit public opinion about the reforms. On December 6, the travelling Parliamentary Committee on Social Policy Reform was in town to hear what Montréalers had to say.

The Ministry of Human Resources also released a "workbook" called "Have Your Say About Social Policy Reform", which everyone could fill out and return by Mid-January. The results are to be published in a report later in the year.

From the beginning, however, the "consultation process" was denounced as a farce by student, labour and welfare rights activists. In Montréal and other cities the Parliamentary Committee hearings were stormed by angry protesters.

Students for Social Justice member and Social Work student Melissa Redmond, believes the workbook is a smokescreen for the fact that basic decisions have already been made without regard for public opinion.

"The Workbook is a perfect example of someone else defining the agenda. Someone else is asking the questions and telling you what to answer. It says 'Here's my vision of Canada. You tell me which parts you like.' Turn it into your own form of protest. Don't answer the questions because they're going to be used to shoot you in the foot," says Redmond.

Keith Patterson, also a Social Work student and a member of Students for Social Justice, sees protests like the one planned for January 25 as a crucial part of the "consultation process."

"I think that the demonstration is not separate from it's in addition to [the consultation process]. Challenging [the social policy reform] at a consultation process is not enough. We need to challenge their rhetoric, their ideology, their faulty logic and their vision of this country because it's not one that includes us.

Behind the scenes of the strike

With few exceptions, student associations are mostly agreed that they should unite against the proposals.

However, the Fédération Étudiante Universitaire du Québec (FÉUQ) disagrees with the CFS' decision to strike on January 25.

According to FÉUQ President François Rebello they have a problem with the use of the term "strike". They also disagree with the date.

FÉUQ, whose membership includes McGill's undergraduate Student Society, plans to encourage its student society members to hold general assemblies about the Axworthy reforms on the 25th, but it will not be encouraging them to march. FÉUQ has allegedly begun organising a Québec-wide event for February 7, the day after the proposal is tabled.

"We chose February 7 for a couple of reasons. First, the majority of Cégeps open on January 22 to 23. So if you have to organise something on January 25 it's too late to do something with these colleges. Secondly the Parliament at Ottawa opens on February 6 so if you organise a big event before the opening of Parliament it's like talking to someone who isn't there," says Rebello.

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Melissa Redmond, Students for Social Justice

Rebello says FÉUQ prefers to organise two big events like the one on November 16 on Parliament Hill. Plans are still sketchy but he says that one such event in Montréal and one in Québec City are being considered.

Graduate students at McGill and Concordia are members of the CFS, but not of the FÉUQ. VP external of the Concordia Graduate Student Association Brad Lavigne and his McGill counterpart, Marie-Claude Poliquin, say their organisations will fully support whatever FÉUQ decides to do.

On January 5 McGill's undergraduate Student Society sent a letter to its councillors asking them to support a motion saying, among other things, that the Student Society would "not involve itself in the National Student Strike of the Canadian Federation of Students for January 25, but instead work with Québec student associations to plan a more focused protest in February (after the CEGEPs begin classes)."

However Marie-Claude Ricard, a second year student at Cégep St. Laurent and a Montréal January 25 march

organizer, disagrees with including the late start of classes at CEGEPs as a reason for not participating.

"The student associations who don't want to participate on the 25th are lazy. CFS called the strike at the beginning of December, before schools closed for Christmas," says Ricard.

She adds that plans can still be made to inform Cégep students about the walkout while people are going in to pick up their schedules [it is an obligation at Cégeps to go to school to get schedules before classes begin].

"Missing an afternoon of school in the first week is less important than at any other time of year," says Ricard.

Students from 15 Cégeps in the Montréal area will be involved in organizing the strike. Ricard plans to call other Cégeps around Québec and let them know what will be happening in Montréal.

The strike organisers also hope that members of local unions and anti-poverty groups will be marching with them on January 25. The strike has received support from various labour, anti-poverty and women's organisations across the country, including the Canadian Labour Congress and the National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

Redmond thinks that the most important thing is for students to come out.

"I think that the students need to use the tools available to them. When the SSMU goes in [to the consultation process] with a position paper they really are four or five people who claim to represent a constituency.

"For every person who shows up at the demonstration, their presence speaks. They say 'I'm here!'. It's about claiming your voice. If I don't show up in class I tell my professor 'I don't agree'. If I show up at the demonstration I tell the world," says Redmond.

There will be a meeting of the Students for Social Justice on Tuesday, December 10 at 6 pm, in room 104 of Wilson Hall. Volunteers are needed and all are welcome. The January 25 demonstration is scheduled to begin at 2:30 in front of Complexe Guy Favreau, and will make its way to the Radio Canada, McGill, passing Concordia, McGill, L'Université de Québec à Montréal and Cégep Vieux Montréal on its way. More information will be available in the coming weeks. 7



Paul Carlin
visiting student, Psych.

"I'm just a new student here and I understand the Canadians, they just want the cheapest possible way to education and that's the way it is in Norway. But also as I understand, McGill is low on cash too, so there has to be a compromise there. I'd probably go to the protest though."



Diego Sorio
U3, PoliSci. & History

"I haven't heard of the January 25 protest, but I do know what the Axworthy reforms are. In general I think students should protest, even though I won't. On the other hand, I think that these reforms are due and necessary (people are going to kill me for saying that). Because of the system, the way university goes, we do need an increase in the prices of tuition. People should pay more for the type of education they get. True, we have a high level of education, and universities are available to everyone (and that's okay with me); however the system doesn't make universities valuable in many ways."

Campus WINTER

INTRAMURAL SPORTS PROGRAM

SPORT	CATEGORY	COST (COST & PEST included)	REGISTRATION	NUMBER OF PLAYERS		CAPTAINS' MEETING	PLAY BEGINS	GAME DAYS AND TIMES	LOCATION
				TO REGISTER	MAXIMUM				
BASKETBALL LEAGUE	MEN A, B WOMEN	\$75.00 per team	Dec. 12, 09:00 to Jan. 10, 17:00	10	16	Jan. 10, 18:30 hrs. Currie Gymnasium	Jan. 16	Mon. 18:00-23:00 Tue. 20:15-22:45 Sun. 09:00-16:00	Field House
3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	MEN WOMEN	\$20.00 per team	Mar. 6, 09:00 to Mar. 15, 17:00	3	3	Draw posted Campus Rec Office Mar. 16, 17:00 hrs.	Mar. 18	Mar. 18 & 19	Field House
BALL HOCKEY LEAGUE	MEN A, B WOMEN	\$75.00 per team	Dec. 12, 09:00 to Jan. 10, 17:00	10	16	Jan. 10, 18:30 hrs. Currie Gymnasium	Jan. 16	Thurs. 20:15-23:00 Fri. 20:15-23:00 Sat. 09:00-18:00 Sun. 09:00-18:00	Currie Gym
BOWLING TOURNAMENT	CO-REC	\$28.00 per team	Dec. 12, 09:00 to Jan. 21, 17:00	2 Men & 2 Women	4	Draw posted Campus Rec Office Jan. 24, 17:00 hrs.	Jan. 27	Fri. Jan. 27	Laurentian Lanes
BROOMBALL LEAGUE	MEN WOMEN CO-REC	\$100.00 per team	Dec. 12, 09:00 to Jan. 10, 17:00	Men - 10 Women - 10 Co-rec - 5 Men & 5 Women	16	Jan. 10, 18:30 hrs. Currie Gymnasium	Jan. 15	Tue. to Fri. 17:00-22:00 Sat. 09:00-18:00 Sun. 09:00-18:00	Molson Stadium Rink
INNERTUBE WATERPOLO LEAGUE	CO-REC	\$70.00 per team	Dec. 12, 09:00 to Jan. 10, 17:00	7 Men & 5 Women	18	Jan. 10, 18:30 hrs. Currie Gymnasium	Jan. 15	Sat. 11:00-16:00 Sun. 12:00-16:00	Currie Pool
INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE	MEN WOMEN CO-REC	\$75.00 per team	Dec. 12, 09:00 to Jan. 10, 17:00	Men - 10 Women - 10 Co-rec - 5 Men & 5 Women	16	Jan. 10, 18:30 hrs. (Co-Rec) Jan. 10, 19:30 hrs. (M & W) Currie Gymnasium	Jan. 15	Mon. 18:00-23:00 Tues. 18:00-23:00 Sat. 09:00-18:00	Field House
SQUASH TOURNAMENT	MEN A, B WOMEN	\$7.00 per player	Jan. 23, 09:00 to Jan. 31, 17:00	1	N/A	Draw posted Campus Rec Office Feb. 1, 17:00 hrs.	Feb. 3	Feb. 3, 4, & 5	Currie Gym Squash Courts
TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT	MEN WOMEN	\$7.00 per player	Jan. 31, 09:00 to Feb. 8, 17:00	1	N/A	Draw posted Campus Rec Office Feb. 9, 17:00 hrs.	Feb. 11	Feb. 11 & 12	Fitness Room
VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE	MEN WOMEN	\$75.00 per team	Dec. 12, 09:00 to Jan. 10, 17:00	10	16	Jan. 10, 19:30 hrs. Currie Gymnasium	Jan. 17	Mon. 20:00-23:00 Tue. 20:00-23:00 Wed. 20:00-23:00	Currie Gym
VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE	CO-REC A,B	\$75.00 per team	Dec. 12, 09:00 to Jan. 10, 17:00	5 Men & 5 Women	16	Jan. 10, 18:30 hrs. Currie Gymnasium	Jan. 19	Wed. 18:00-21:00 Thur. 18:00-20:30 Fri. 18:00-21:00	Field House
4 ON 4 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT	CO-REC	\$20.00 per team	Mar. 20, 09:00 to Mar. 27, 17:00	2 Men & 2 Women	5	Draw posted Campus Rec Office Mar. 28, 17:00 hrs.	Mar. 29	March 29, 30, & 31	Field House
WATERPOLO LEAGUE	MEN WOMEN	\$70.00 per team	Dec. 12, 09:00 to Jan. 10, 17:00	10	18	Jan. 10 Currie Gymnasium	Jan. 15	Sat. 11:00-16:00 Sun. 12:00-16:00	Currie Pool

- In many sports space is limited — registration is on a first come first served basis.
- Please note that registration deadlines are strictly enforced.
- A representative from each team must attend the captains' meeting for that sport.

**Registration: Campus Recreation Office G35
Currie Gym, 475 Pine Avenue West**

SPORTS OFFICIALS

Students interested in sports officiating should apply to the Campus Recreation Office and attend the Officials' Training Clinic. Experience is an asset but not a necessity.

OFFICIALS' TRAINING CLINICS

SPORTS: Ball Hockey, Basketball,
Broomball, Indoor Soccer,
Innertube Waterpolo, Volleyball, Waterpolo

DATE: January 12, 1995

TIME: 17:30 hrs.

LOCATION: Room 305,
Currie Gymnasium

CAPTAINS' MEETINGS

A representative from each team **must** attend the Captains' meeting for that Sport. League schedules are planned and rules are distributed. A team that is not represented will **not be included** in the league. Note carefully, that an individual can only **represent one team**.

Please consult the Intramural schedule for the date, time and location of the specific meeting for your team.

INFORMATION

Recreation 1995

Instructional Athletics Program

COORDINATORS: Philip Quintal & Marla Gold

The Instructional Athletics Program at McGill University features a wide variety of non-credit physical education and recreational courses. The program provides an opportunity to use the athletic facilities and to acquire or improve athletic skills. Members of the Department of Athletics staff, as well as qualified part-time instructors, teach in the program.

Courses are open to all full-time McGill students holding a validated student ID card. Full-time McGill Students are entitled to register for courses at the member's fee. The General Public, Staff, Faculty and Graduates holding a gymnasium membership card may also register for courses.

- **ALL COURSES ARE CO-ED**
- **YOU MUST REGISTER IN PERSON WITH A FULL-TIME MCGILL STUDENT I.D. OR MEMBERSHIP CARD**

- **REGISTRATION IS CONDUCTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS**
- **CASH, CHEQUES, MASTERCARD, VISA AND DIRECT PAYMENT ACCEPTED.**

Non-members may participate in the Instructional program without purchasing a membership, **if space permits**. For this group:

- A differential fee will be charged
- Registration for this group will begin Thursday, January 12, 1995.

COURSE	DAY	TIME	COST (M/M)	# OF WEEKS
AQUATICS				
YELLOW, ORANGE	THURSDAY	17:30 - 18:30	25/46	8
YELLOW, ORANGE	SATURDAY	09:30 - 10:30	25/46	8
RED, MAROON	TUESDAY	19:30 - 20:30	25/46	8
RED, MAROON	THURSDAY	17:30 - 18:30	25/46	8
RED, MAROON	SATURDAY	10:30 - 11:30	25/46	8
BLUE, GREEN, GREY, WHITE	WEDNESDAY	19:30 - 20:45	27/48	8
BLUE, GREEN, GREY, WHITE	THURSDAY	18:30 - 19:45	27/48	8
BLUE, GREEN, GREY, WHITE	SATURDAY	11:30 - 12:45	27/48	8
PRE-SCHOOL (Age: 18 Mths - 3 Yrs)	SUNDAY	11:00 - 12:00	25/46	8
AQUACISES	TUES & THURS	12:15 - 13:00	46/91	10
SWIM FIT (Cardio-Respiratory Endurance)	TUES & THURS	12:15 - 13:15	37/77	8
SWIM FIT (Cardio-Respiratory Endurance)	TUES & THURS	18:30 - 19:30	37/77	8
STROKE IMPROVEMENT	MONDAY	18:30 - 19:30	25/46	8
STROKE IMPROVEMENT	TUESDAY	17:30 - 18:30	25/46	8
DIVING (1 M Elementar y)	THURSDAY	19:30 - 20:30	26/46	8
LIFESAVING 1, 2, 3 (Intro. to Program)	SATURDAY	11:30 - 12:45	27/48	8
BRONZE CROSS (Prerequisite Bronze Medallion)	WEDNESDAY	CLASS 18:30 - 19:30 POOL 19:30 - 21:00	65/90 Plus Exam Fee	10
LEADERS	TUES & THURS	CLASS 18:30 - 19:30 POOL 19:30 - 21:00	75/110 Plus Exam Fee	8
S.C.U.B.A. (Good Swimmer Screen Test Required MUST ATTEND FIRST CLASS)	TUES & THURS	CLASS 18:45 - 20:15 POOL 20:30 - 22:30	240/260	6

DANCE				
FLAMENCO	THURSDAY	19:15 - 20:15	33/53	8
JAZZ I	MON & WED	08:30 - 10:00	43/88	10
JAZZ I	TUES & THURS	18:30 - 20:00	43/88	10
JAZZ II	TUES & THURS	20:00 - 21:30	43/88	10
JAZZ III	MONWEDFRI	18:30 - 20:00	67/110	10
SOCIAL DANCE II	MONDAY	19:00 - 20:30	33/53	8
SOCIAL DANCE II	MONDAY	19:00 - 20:30	33/53	8
SOCIAL DANCE I	MONDAY	20:30 - 22:00	33/53	8
SOCIAL DANCE I	MONDAY	20:30 - 22:00	33/53	8
SOCIAL DANCE I	WEDNESDAY	19:00 - 20:30	33/53	8
SOCIAL DANCE I	WEDNESDAY	19:00 - 20:30	33/53	8
SOCIAL DANCE I	WEDNESDAY	20:30 - 22:00	33/53	8
SOCIAL DANCE I	WEDNESDAY	20:30 - 22:00	33/53	8

FITNESS				
ACTION AEROBICS (High/Low)	MON & WED	16:30 - 17:30	33/78	10
ACTION AEROBICS (High/Low)	TUES & THURS	12:15 - 13:15	33/78	10
ACTION AEROBICS ADVANCED (High/Low)	TUES & THURS	16:00 - 17:15	42/87	10
ACTION AEROBICS (SUPERFIT)	MON & WED	17:30 - 19:00	67/112	10
ACTION AEROBICS (SUPERFIT)	FRI	17:00 - 18:30	42/87	10
ACTION AEROBICS (SUPERFIT)	TUES & THURS	17:15 - 18:30	42/87	10
BODY DESIGN	MON & WED	13:15 - 14:00	32/76	10
BODY DESIGN	SATURDAY	11:30 - 12:30	21/66	10
CARDIO FUNK	TUES & THURS	17:15 - 18:15	33/77	10
CARDIO FUNK ADVANCED	TUES & THURS	18:15 - 19:15	33/77	10
LOW IMPACT ADVANCED	MONWEDFRI	17:15 - 18:30	62/107	10

PAY-AS-YOU-GO FITNESS

COURSE	DAY	TIME	COST
TOTAL WORKOUT	M/Tu/W/Th	17:00-18:00	\$2.50 \$1.70*
	Friday	16:00-17:00	\$2.50 \$1.70*
	Sat & Sun	12:00-13:00	\$2.50 \$1.70*
STEP	Friday	17:30-18:30	\$2.50 \$1.70*
	Sat & Sun	13:00-14:00	\$2.50 \$1.70*

*Booklets of 10 Tickets for \$17.00 purchased in advance (Members only)

COURSE	DAY	TIME	COST (M/M)	# OF WEEKS
STEP	MONDAY	12:00 - 13:00	33/53	10
STEP	TUES & THURS	17:15 - 18:15	46/91	10
STEP	TUES & THURS	18:15 - 19:15	46/91	10
STEP 4D	MON & WED	17:15 - 18:30	50/95	10
SUPER STEP	TUES & THURS	12:00 - 13:15	52/97	10
SUPER STEP	TUES & THURS	16:00 - 17:15	52/97	10
SUPER STEP	WED & FRI	16:00 - 17:15	52/97	10
SUPER STEP	SATURDAY	10:00 - 11:30	33/58	10
TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING	MON & WED	08:00 - 09:00	46/91	10
TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING	MONWEDFRI	12:15 - 13:15	67/112	10
TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING	TUES & THURS	16:00 - 17:15	50/95	10
TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING	SATURDAY	11:00 - 12:00	26/51	10
WEIGHT TRAINING	MONDAY	20:00 - 21:30	27/40	5
WEIGHT TRAINING	TUESDAY	08:30 - 10:00	27/40	5
WEIGHT TRAINING	WEDNESDAY	20:00 - 21:30	27/40	5
WEIGHT TRAINING	SATURDAY	09:00 - 10:30	27/40	5
WEIGHT TRAINING CLINIC	SAT & SUN	11:00 - 13:00	17/39	5
WEIGHT TRAINING CLINIC	JANUARY 21 & 22			
WEIGHT TRAINING (PRIVATE)	BY APPOINTMENT		27/40	1
PERSONAL FITNESS APPRAISAL	BY APPOINTMENT		35/45**	1

MARTIAL ARTS

AIKIDO	TUESDAY & FRIDAY	18:00 - 20:00	57/102	10
CAPOEIRA/KALI/ESKRIMA	MONWEDFRI	15:30 - 17:00	67/112	10
JUDO	MON & WED	17:30 - 19:30	57/102	10
SHORINJIRU I	MON & WED	18:15 - 19:45	46/91	10
SHORINJIRU II	MON & WED	19:45 - 21:15	46/91	10
TKD/MUAY THAI/SAVATE	MONWEDFRI	14:00 - 15:30	67/112	10
WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE	TUES & THURS	16:00 - 17:30	64/109	10
WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE	SATURDAY	10:00 - 11:30	32/57	10
WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE (ADV.)	SATURDAY	11:30 - 13:00	32/57	10

VARIA

BASIC FIRST AID	SAT., JAN. 21 & SUN., JAN. 22	09:30 - 17:30	87/92 * 72/77 **	2
* Includes CPR Heart Saver				
** Those with CPR Heart Saver				
CPR BASIC	SAT., JAN 28 & SUN., JAN 29	09:30 - 17:30	80/87	2
CPR RE-CERT	SAT., JAN. 28	09:30 - 17:30	38/48	1
FENCING I	TUES & THURS	08:00 - 09:00	38/78	8
FENCING I	TUES & THURS	19:15 - 20:15	38/78	8
FENCING II	TUES & THUR	20:15 - 21:15	38/78	8

COURSE	DAY	TIME	COST (M/M)	# OF WEEKS
HOCKEY I	WEDNESDAY	15:30 - 16:45	32/52	8
HOCKEY II	FRIDAY	14:00 - 15:30	36/56	8
SKATING	WEDNESDAY	14:00 - 15:15	27/42	6
SKATING	SATURDAY	10:45 - 12:05	36/56	8
SKATING (Private)	by appointment		17/19	1
TAI CHI I	MON & WED	16:00 - 17:00	46/86	8
HATHA YOGA I	MON & WED	08:00 - 09:00	32/72	8
HATHA YOGA I	MON & WED	18:15 - 19:30	42/82	8
HATHA YOGA I	TUES & THURS	08:00 - 09:00	32/72	8
HATHA YOGA I	TUES & THURS	16:00 - 17:15	42/82	8
HATHA YOGA I	TUES & THURS	17:15 - 18:30	42/82	8
HATHA YOGA II	MON & WED	17:00 - 18:15	42/82	8
HATHA YOGA II	TUES & THURS	18:30 - 19:45	42/82	8
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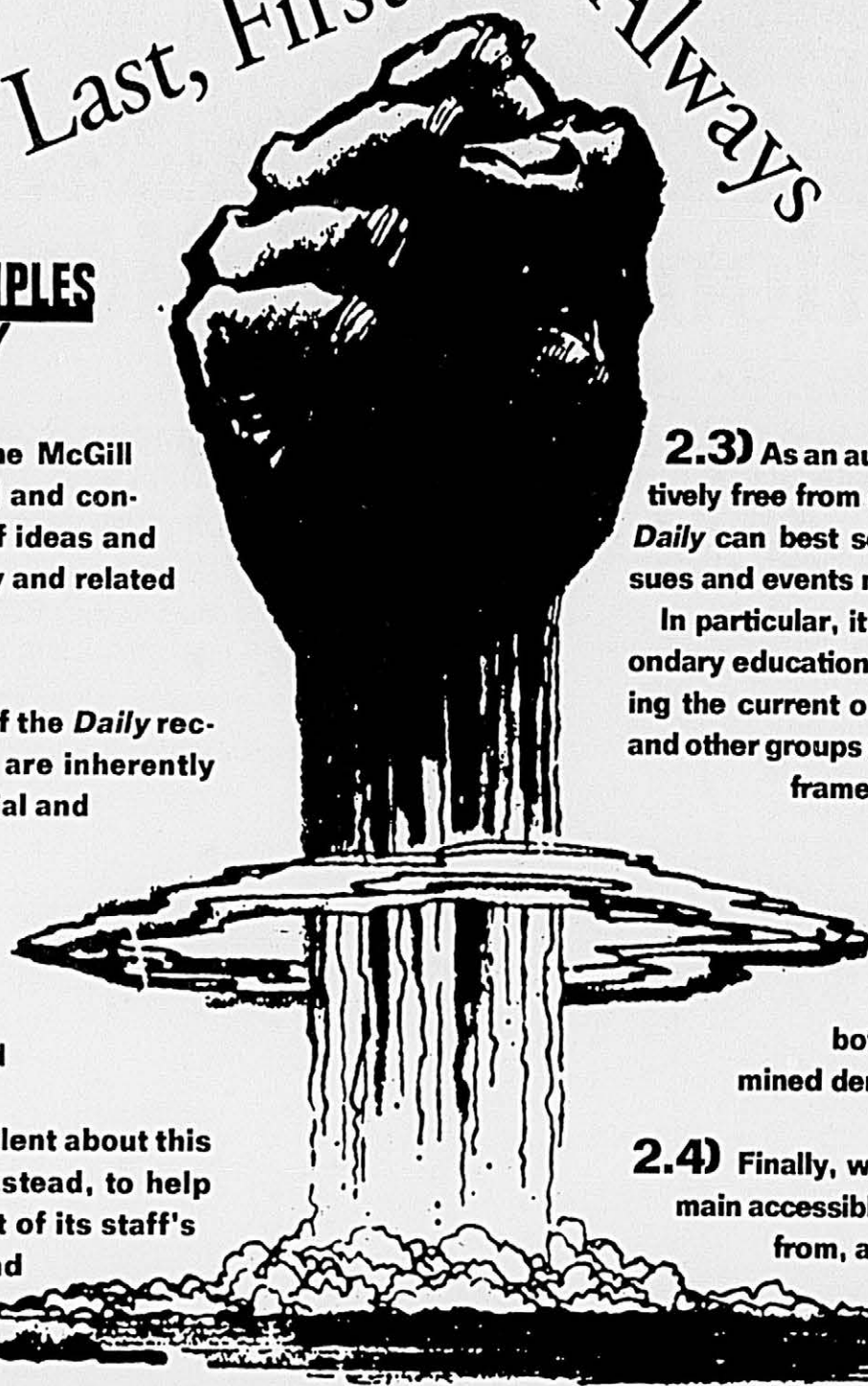
We also recognize that keeping silent about this situation helps to perpetuate it. Instead, to help correct these inequities to the best of its staff's abilities, the *Daily* should depict and analyze power relations accurately in its coverage.

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In particular, it should deal with the role post-secondary education plays in constructing and maintaining the current order. It should also assist students and other groups working for change, within a critical framework, with the aim of empowering and giving a voice to individuals and communities marginalized on the bases of the criteria mentioned in paragraph 2.2.

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2.4) Finally, we recognize that the *Daily* must remain accessible to the student community it comes from, and should abide by an ethic of fairness (as defined in the Code of Ethics) while maintaining its autonomy.



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Home of the Whopper

To the *Daily*,

Is someone at the *Daily* asleep at the printing press? I was overtaken by fits of laughter this afternoon at what appears to have been an oversight in the layout of today's issue. I read the excellent article on the coming corporate make-over of Saint Laurent Boulevard, in which the reporter argued the soon to be opening Arby's and McDonald's would drive smaller, traditional restaurants out of business. Then I glanced at the ads on the facing page...hullo! A Burger king ad! What a whopper of a coincidence.

Truly amazed,
Jesse Rutledge
U2 Arts

Hijab scares Christians

To the *Daily*,

I would like to comment on the decision by College Regina Assumpta to expel a Muslim student for wearing a hijab. According to *The Gazette* (December 4, p. A-3) a representative of the school said that "there are 13 different religions among the school's students," so the problem apparently, is not the mere presence of non-Christian students: the objection is to the hijab. I suspect that the real problem with the hijab is that its presence forces the school administration to confront a reality that they would rather not think about. As long as non-Christian students wear no outer signs of their religious affiliation, the administration of

the school can go on pretending they don't exist. With students wearing the hijab, the administration is forced to come out of its pleasant fantasy-world in which Québec is a purely Christian society.

The school might be justified in drawing the line at students whose religious beliefs forbade bathing or enjoined them to go to school naked or to smoke cigarettes all day; but what harm could Dania Baali's hijab possibly do? The hijab merely covers the wearer's hair; and nobody — least of all the nuns of College Regina Assumpta — can convince me that the covering of the hair (or any other part of the body, for that matter) constitutes a serious violation of Québec's social mores.

College Regina Assumpta should not be allowed to have it both ways. Either it discriminates on the basis of religion or it doesn't. The school should be told in no uncertain terms that if it cannot tolerate any outer signs of adherence to minority religions among its students, then its government funding will be withdrawn. Dania Baali's parents were not excused from paying taxes when she began to wear a hijab.

Sincerely yours,
Mark Marshall

Israel around the World

To the *Daily*,

Erick Schechter (letters, Nov. 28) accuses the *Daily* of indulging in Israel bashing. Given his affiliation with the United Zionist Council this kind of nonsense is normal. His outburst against the *Daily* is not the first event. The *Daily*

has been a thorn in the side of apologists of Israeli atrocities. The Zionist establishment has carried out scurrilous attacks on anyone who dares expose the Israeli dirty deeds around the world.

More than a dozen books have documented the role Israelis have played in subverting the UN's fight against Apartheid and racism around the world. The Israelis have specialised in the art of torture and have been helping oppressive regimes around the world. From the Shahs' Iran to drug warlords, Israeli expertise has been readily available.

Not too long ago an Israeli academic, Benjamin Beit-Halimi in his seminal work, *The Israeli Connection: Who Israel Arms and Why* documents shameful Israeli performance. The apologists like Erik would like to pull wool over the eyes of the world. And to a large extent they have been successful by screaming "anti-Semitism" at anyone who dares to expose Israeli misdeeds. I must add two more works for the information of your readers which are eye openers:

1. *Israel's role in the Third World; exporting West Bank expertise*, by P.J. Nederveen.

2. *Israel's state terrorism and counter-insurgency in the Third World*, by the same author.

At the time of this writing Israeli experts are training and assisting India's army in brutalising the population of Kashmir. Israeli agents are busy selling their unique skills in Africa and Asia. So much for a nation which claims to be "light unto nations of the world"! Stephen Green (a former employee of the

US State Department) in his book *Living by the Sword* describes in great detail how the CIA and other US agencies have used Israel as a useful conduit to pass arms and experts to suppress people around the world. *Jane's Defense Weekly* has finally admitted that Israel is sitting over a nuclear arsenal of considerable size. The gurus of NPT in the USA have not spoken a word about it. How can they? Will the AIPAC, the Zionist lobby, let any senator live if he dared to tell the truth?

Truly yours,
A. Shafaat
Continuing Education

Blame everyone

To the *Daily*,

Rafiq al-Samandal's November 23 essay "Said and the struggle for Palestine" completely misses the point. It is without question that the Palestinian point of view needs to be heard. That Israel has often treated the Arabs unfairly and should be condemned for those instances is also not debatable.

However, considering the complexity of this issue, it is unjustified and harmful to the debate to present the dilemma in black and white. Anyone following the Middle East crisis can easily discern that Arabs as well as Jews are responsible for injustices and atrocities everyday.

Edward Said attempts to take this complicated topic and reduce it to a question of right and wrong. This is not what history or journalism is all about. A good scholar objectively examines as many different aspects as possible, in order to bet-

ter understand the issue at hand. Only after analyzing all the various perspectives is it permissible to make a value judgment.

Perhaps al-Samandal is right: many do wish to silence Said and other pro-Palestinian supporters because they feel the latter are gaining support from the West. Many others, including myself, are more incensed by the manner in which the Arab cause is being promoted: the West is being fed propaganda based on emotion instead of scholarship that could serve everyone's best interest, including the Palestinians.

Even more despicable, however, has been the McGill *Daily's* treatment of the subject. Apparently, the *Daily* does not find McGill students intelligent enough to weigh different perspectives before coming to conclusions. If it did, it would not subject us to our bi-weekly dosage of Israel bashing. If those at the *Daily* are so confident that one group is right and one wrong, they should not be afraid to present the McGill students with the Israeli viewpoint, in addition to the Palestinian angle.

Please, Ms Newton and Ms Payne, do not make this university newspaper, which is supposed to be the epitome of liberalism and objectivity, into a propagandist leaflet. The students you represent deserve that much.

Patrice DelaRocheliere
History

Ed note: Please read the Statement of Principles of the McGill Daily on this page.

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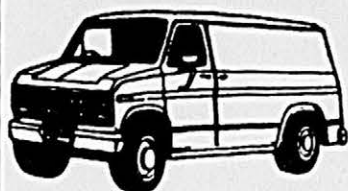


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• **The Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom Bridge Club** is resuming Sunday duplicate bridge games on Jan. 15 at 12h at 395 Elm Ave. 937-3575.

• **Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom Adult Education** presents: *Secret Codes in the Torah*. Rabbi Mordechai Bula will give a fascinating lecture on secret codes he and other scholars have discovered in the Torah on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 9h30 at the Temple. Bagel breakfast, \$3. 937-3575.

• **Brown bag lunch and learn** on Monday, Jan. 9. Lunch at 12h, program from 12h30 to 13h30. Rabbi Leigh Lerner will speak on "Strange verses, stranger interpretations." Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm St.

• "A boost for job seekers," Preparation to Work, a 20-week program designed to help adults find jobs, is offered by the Protestant School Board of Greater Montréal, in co-operation with Canada Employment. Unemployed adults are urged to call 849-4006 to apply. Program begins Feb. 6.

• **The Progressive Conservative Association of St. Henri-Westmount** will hold a nomination meeting to elect the official PC candidate for the Feb. 13 by-election on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 19h. 982-0634.

• Discussion on the Québec Government's Draft Bill — An Act Respecting the Sovereignty of Québec. First in a weekly series of discussions organised by the McGill Renewal Club as part of the Canada-Wide campaign for a Modern Constitution and Democratic Renewal. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 17h to 18h, Shatner 435. 522-4816.

• **Jerzy Warzecha** is presenting a "Painting and mixed media art exhibition" at the McGill Faculty Club, 3450 McTavish St., from Jan. 9 to Jan. 27.

• **Walksafe Network** general meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 18h, Leacock 26. All returning and new volunteers must attend. 398-2498.

• **Walksafe** reopens on Wednesday, Jan. 11. Hours of operation: Sunday through Thursday, 19h to 0h45; Friday and Saturday, 19h to 2h45. 398-2498.

• **Students for Social Justice**, meets to discuss plans for the information campaign about the Axworthy proposals and the January 25 march. We need volunteers to help with poster campaigns, class announcements and speakers series'. Tues., Jan 10, 16h, Wilson Hall, rm 104. All are welcome.

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